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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report

The purpose of this temporary duty was to make a staff visit to the Edwards Palmdale Detachment [redacted]

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1. The following items of interest are listed for the visit to Palmdale on 7 and 8 May.

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a. The Edwards Detachment is operating very well at Palmdale. Operations and support coordination previously arranged for has provided an excellent operation. The unit is being well supported by the Lockheed Plant No. 2 [redacted] Construction work on the taxi ways is considered to be only a minor inconvenience and does not seriously affect the units mission. Likewise, the taxi ways and run up parking areas adjacent to the prime runway are generally obscured from public view, thus minimizing, if not eliminating possible U-2C/R comparison.

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b. Telephone communications to support the Detachment will be completed during the week of 12 May. At the time of the visit the unit was being supported by three lines off of the Lockheed hangar circuit.

c. In discussion with [redacted] he stated that he had recently applied hydraulic power to one of the OXCART vehicles and exercised all possible systems. Results of this check revealed that systems were operational and did not show evidence of leaks or deterioration.

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2. During the visit to [redacted] on 8 May, discussions with [redacted] resulted in the following:

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a. The [redacted] flying operation was near completion and the unit was making preparations to depart subsequent to 15 May. [redacted] Project Manager, indicated

that the unit had practically completed all flight test objectives much quicker than earlier planned. He also said he had just received a message through his channels indicating that Hqs. USAF was considering additional [redacted] activity and to anticipate not departing on 15 May. I asked that [redacted] get a copy of this message and forward to Hqs since it did bear upon possible [redacted] support through May and early June.

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b. Helicopter flight crew currently TDY at [redacted] is scheduled to depart on 15 May. I asked [redacted] to check this out with AFIGOS to determine their position on the helicopter and whether or not it should be moved to [redacted] prior to the crews departure. Deputy for Operations has primary action on this item.

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c. With decreasing air activity at [redacted] recommend that some provision be made to insure that AACs personnel (tower and GCA) retain proficiency. Solution may include requiring certain flights into [redacted] making simulated instrument approaches, or TDYing certain of the personnel to other Air Force Bases periodically. Deputy for Operations shop will take action on this item and coordinate with AFIGOS. This is not a major problem but one which could result in loss of individual proficiency as time goes on.

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[redacted]  
Deputy for Operations, OSA

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[redacted]  
Director of Special Activities

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Deputy for Operations  
[redacted] Building

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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